

**THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1979**

No. 11 of 1979

Date of Assent: 11th June, 1979

Date of Commencement: 6th February, 1978

**An Act of Parliament to amend the Registration of Persons
Act**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Persons (Amendment) Act, 1979, and shall, subject to section 77 (4) of the Constitution, be deemed to have come into operation on the 6th February, 1978.

Short title
and
commencement.

2. The Registration of Persons Act, hereinafter called the principal Act, is amended by the repeal of section 2 and substitution of the following—

Repeal and
replacement of
section 2 of
Cap. 107.

Application. 2. This Act shall apply to all persons who are citizens of Kenya and who have attained the age of sixteen years or over or, where no proof of age exists, are of the apparent age of sixteen years or over.

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of
section 3.

(a) by the deletion of the definition of "Principal Registrar" and substitution of the following—

"Principal Registrar" and "Deputy Principal Registrar" mean the persons appointed as such under section 4 of this Act;

(b) by the addition, before the expression "registrar" in the last definition, of the expression "senior registrar,".

4. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of
section 4.

(a) by the deletion of subsection (1) and substitution of the following—

(1) The Minister shall, by notice in the Gazette, appoint officers to be Principal Registrar and Deputy Principal Registrar for the purpose of this Act;

(b) by the insertion in subsection (2) after the word "appoint" of the words and comma "senior registrars,".

Amendment of section 5.

5. Section 5 (1) of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by the deletion of paragraph (d) and substitution of the following—

(d) declared tribe or race;

(b) by the deletion of paragraph (j).

Amendment of section 6.

6. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by the addition of the following new subsections—

(3) A requirement under subsection (1) of this section may be made notwithstanding that any person or class of persons has, prior to such requirement, been registered under this Act.

(4) Where any person is required to register under subsection (1) of this section and has been, prior to such requirement, registered under this Act and issued with an identity card, he shall, on being required by a registration officer so to do, forthwith surrender such identity card.

Repeal and replacement of section 7.

7. The principal Act is amended by the repeal of section 7 and substitution of the following—

Registration of persons returning from abroad. 7. Any person who, by reason of his absence from Kenya at the time at which he would otherwise have been required to register under this Act, is not a registered person, shall within 30 days of his entry into Kenya attend before a registration officer for the purpose of being registered.

Amendment of section 9.

8. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by the deletion of subsection (2) and substitution of the following—

(2) Every identity card shall contain—

(a) a photograph, of the prescribed size and type, of the registered person; and

(b) such of the finger and thumb impressions of the registered person as the registration officer may require,

and for the purpose of obtaining such the registered person shall permit his finger and thumb impressions to be taken:

Provided that a registered person may elect to supply a photograph of himself in duplicate where the registration officer is satisfied that such photographs are of the prescribed size and type and have been taken within the prescribed time;

(b) in subsection (3)—

(i) by the deletion of the words “Where any person has elected to supply to a registration officer, under the proviso to subsection (2) of this section, copies of his photograph, his” and substitution of “An”;

(ii) by the deletion of the words “such person” in the sixth line and substitution of “a registered person”;

(c) in subsection (4) by the deletion of the word “registration” in the first line and substitution of “re-registration”.

9. The principal Act is amended by inserting after the expression “Principal Registrar,”—

Amendment of sections 10 and 13.

(a) in section 10 (4); and

(b) in section 13, where it first appears, the expression “the Deputy Principal Registrar, a senior registrars.”

10. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of section 14.

(a) in subsection (1), by the deletion of the words “one thousand shillings” and substitution of “five thousand shillings”;

(b) in subsection (2), by the deletion of the words “five hundred shillings” and substitution of “two thousand five hundred shillings”.

11. The principal Act is amended by the repeal of section 17,

Repeal of section 17.